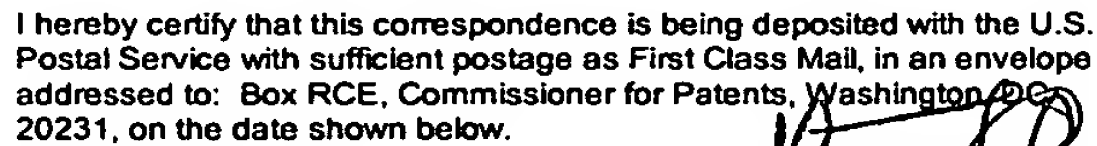


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed October 22, 2002, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Applicants' Request for Continued Examination is also enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Insert new claims 45 and 46, as follows:

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~~45.~~ (NEW) A method for improving the functionality of D1 and D2 dopaminergic receptors associated with neurodegenerative diseases, multi-systemic atrophy, or both, in a human mammal comprising administering over a long term period an effective dose of at least two drug components comprising as a first component nicotine or a nicotine derivative, and a second component comprising L-DOPA in a dose at least 30% lower than the effective dose when L-DOPA is administered in the absence of said first component and a dopaminergic agonist.

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⁵⁷~~46~~. (NEW) A method for treating a neurodegenerative disease, a multi-systemic atrophy, or both, in a human mammal comprising administering over a long term period an effective dose of at least two drug components comprising as a first component, nicotine or a nicotine derivative, and a second component comprising L-DOPA in a dose at least 30% lower than the effective dose when L-DOPA is administered in the absence of said first component and a dopaminergic agonist.



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